

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:

means for receiving an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network;

a central processing unit that extracts ~~means for extracting~~ at least one text-based control command in said formatted file received by said means for receiving, wherein said text-based control command is in said formatted file to control said recording module; and

means for controlling that controls said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said ~~means for extracting~~ central processing unit, wherein said means for controlling has a timer reservation function, and said means for controlling reserves an operation time of said recording module, said means for controlling judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the means for controlling checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 17, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 17, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 17, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 17, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:

means for receiving an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network;

a central processing unit that extracts ~~means for extracting~~ at least one text-based control command in said formatted file received by said means for receiving, wherein said text-based control command is in said formatted file to control said recording module; and

means for controlling that controls said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said ~~means for extracting~~ central processing unit, wherein said means for controlling has a timer reservation function, and said means for controlling reserves an operation time of said recording module, further comprising both Infra-Red and direct transmission interfaces to said recording module, said means for controlling judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the means for controlling checks for at

least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network;

a central processing unit programmed ~~processor configured~~ to extract at least one text-based control command in said formatted file received by said receiver, wherein said text-based control command is in said formatted file to control said recording module; and

a controller that controls said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said ~~processor~~ central processing unit wherein said controller has a timer reservation function, and said controller reserves an operation time of said recording module, said controller judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the controller checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 23, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 23, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 23, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 23, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 23, wherein said receiver is a modem.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network;

a central processing unit programmed ~~processor configured~~ to extract at least one text-based control command in said formatted file received by said receiver, wherein said text-based control command is in said formatted file to control said recording module; and

a controller that controls said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said ~~processor~~ central processing unit wherein said controller has a timer reservation function, and said controller reserves an operation time of said recording module, further comprising both Infra-Red and direct transmission interfaces to said recording module, said controller judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the

controller checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A reception method for controlling a recording module, comprising the steps of:

receiving an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and being transmitted through a network;

extracting at least one text-based control command in said formatted file received in said step of receiving, wherein said text-based control command is in said formatted file to control said recording module; and

controlling with a controller said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said step of extracting, wherein said step of controlling controls a timer reservation function and reserves an operation time of said recording module, said controller judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the controller checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The reception method according to Claim 30, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The reception method according to Claim 30, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The reception method according to Claim 30, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The reception method according to Claim 30, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): A transmission/reception system for controlling a recording module, comprising:

means for transmitting from a first location an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and at least one text-based control command to control said recording module through a network;

means for receiving said formatted file;

a central processing unit that extracts ~~means for extracting~~ said text-based control command in said formatted file received by said means for receiving; and

means for controlling that controls said recording module based on said text-based control command extracted by said ~~means for extracting~~ central processing unit, wherein said means for controlling has a timer reservation function, and said means for controlling reserves an operation time of said recording module, said means for receiving, means for extracting, means for controlling, and recording module being at a common second location that is different than said first location, said means for controlling judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the means for controlling checks for at least one of a reservation

command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception system according to Claim 35, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception system according to Claim 35, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception system according to Claim 35, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception system according to Claim 35, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A transmission/reception system for controlling a recording module, comprising:

a transmitter at a first location configured to transmit an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and at least one text-based control command to control said recording module through a network;

a receiver configured to receive said formatted file;

a central processing unit programmed ~~processor configured~~ to extract said text-based control command in said formatted file received by said receiver; and

a controller that controls said recording module based on said text-based control command extracted by said ~~processor~~ central processing unit, wherein said controller has a timer reservation function, and said controller reserves an operation time of said recording module, wherein said receiver, processor, controller and recording module being at a common second location that is different than the first location, said controller judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the controller checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, wherein said receiver is a modem.



Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The reception device according to Claim 40, further comprising both Infra-Red and direct transmission interfaces to said recording module.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A transmission/reception method for controlling a recording module, comprising the steps of:

transmitting from a first location an electronic mail as a formatted file including operating mode information, operation starting time information and operation ending time information of the recording module and at least one text-based control command to control said recording module through a network;

receiving said formatted file at a second location that is different than the first location;

extracting said text-based control command in said formatted file received by said step of receiving; and

controlling with a controller said recording module based on said text based control command extracted by said step of extracting, wherein said step of controlling has a timer reservation function, and said step of controlling reserves an operation time of said recording module, said recording module being at said second location, said controller judges whether a character string in said electronic mail is a control command, and when a control command is judged to exist in the electronic mail, the controller checks for at least one of a reservation command, a cancellation command, and a confirmation command so as to control said recording module.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception method according to Claim 47, wherein said network is the Internet based on Transmission Control Protocol over Internet Protocol TCP/IP.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception method according to Claim 47, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in memory.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception method according to Claim 47, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The transmission/reception method according to Claim 47, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.